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1. 5 OCT DISCUSSED MERTEN STORY WITH HAMBURGER ECHO CHIEF EDITOR HANS HENRICH. HE VERY CAREFUL CHOOSING HIS WORDS. HE CLAIMED RAN STORY BECAUSE OF CONNECTION TO CURRENT MARBACH CASE IN KIEL, AND STORY ALSO DESIGNED FORCE GREEKS MAKE LONG DELAYED TURN-OVER MERTEN FILES TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES SO MERTEN COULD CLEAR NAME BEFORE GERMAN COURT. EDITOR DISCLAIMED ANY INTENT SHOOT AT GLOBKE OR GREEKS. HE ADMITTED HE HAD NOT SEEN ALLEGED PHOTO OF MERTEN WITH "UNCLE CONSTANTINE" BUT INSISTED HE KNEW IT EXISTED. SAID STORY WRITTEN BY KLAUS MENZEL, ECHO STAFFER WHO SON OF SOCIAL DEMOCRAT BUNDESTAG DEPUTY WALTER MENZEL, based partly on material supplied BY MERTENS LAWYER POSSER. ABOVE

O.K. PASS Greek Official

2. FYI, EDITOR SAID HE UNDERSTOOD GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAD DOCUMENTARY PROOF COLLABORATION "THESE GREEKS" WITH GERMAN OCCUPATION, SUCH AS RECEIPTS FOR PAYMENTS.

3. FYI. AS YOU KNOW, WE PROVIDING Greek Press WITH BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON POSSER AND SOME NEUTRALIST AND COMMUNIST FRONT

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ELEMENTS POSSER IN TOUCH WITH. HOWEVER AS YET NO HARD EVIDENCE,  
DESPITE UPHILL SPECULATION REF *B, Merten story result* ~~(PRIN 0010)~~ ~~XX~~  
COMMUNIST INPIRED PLOT. HEINEMANN, POSSER AND THEIR FRIENDS  
UNDOUBTEDLY WELCOMED CHANCE SHOOT AT ~~(PRIN 0010)~~ ADENAUER  
*Government and at Rightist Greek*  
GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER PLAUSIBLE CASE CAN BE MADE FOR THEORY THAT  
MAIN REASONS FOR SURFACING STORY WERE MERTEL<sup>N</sup>S ANGER AT GERMAN  
AND GREEK AUTHORITIES, DESIRE RESTORE REPUTATION, AND FACT MAKES  
EXCELLENT COPY IN VIEW OF CURRENT MARBACH CASE WHICH LATEST OF  
NUMBER "WAR CRIMINALS" EXPOSED IN SCHLESWIG HOLSTEIN GOVERNMENT  
IN RECENT MONTHS. SINCE MOST OF ALLEGED WAR CRIMINALS CONNECTED  
WITH CDU GOVERNMENT AND RIGHTIST PARTIES, ISSUE IS NATURAL FOR  
SPD AND THEY TRYING TO MAKE MOST OF IT. ABOVE FOR YOUR BACKGROUND  
USE IN DISCUSSING CASE WITH *Greek* *Official-1*.

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